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Day breaks pinkish lunges
at chiseled sky.
Eyebright buildings
peaked and glassy
slant
resolute and imperious
like an Acropolis
fingering the starry twilight.

This human sea,
tumultuous and teeming
pulses
in discordant unison.
Ragged breath
heaving feet
bound
serpentine—up, over, under, and down.
Chaos is metered out in steps.

Onward!
Bipedal and upright
in evolutionary canon
ascending the heartbreaking dust.
Each step
transformative and heroic
immortalizing and proud.
This City,
all
victors and celebrants
revel
in the sheer audacity of the morning.